

## Child Fatality Summary

**Child's Name:** Benyamin Abrar

**County:** Miami-Dade

**Date of Birth:** 04/10/2018

**Date of Death:** 5/2/2024

**Report Number:** 2024-157396

### Family Composition Chart

Name	Age at Time of the Incident	Relationship with Deceased Child
Benyamin Abrar	6	Decedent
Anne Marie Saint Joy	33	Mother
Fahad Abrar	36	Father

### Circumstances Surrounding Death

On 5/2/2024, the Department received an abuse report following the passing of this 6-year-old child. The report alleged that the father shot and killed the child and then killed himself.

The abuse report lists maltreatments of death and physical injury with the 6-year-old as the alleged victim and the father as the alleged perpetrator.

The 6-year-old was born to parents Anne Marie Saint Joy and Fahad Abrar at Memorial Hospital Miramar located in Broward County.

During the DCF investigation, the Child Protective investigator spoke with the mother, law enforcement, and collateral contacts. The parents were married in 2016 and shortly after, the father started isolating the mother from her extended family and eventually changed their phone number so there would be no contact. In 2022, the mother reconnected with her family, and they reportedly saw signs of domestic violence. That same year, the mother left the father and started divorce proceedings; however, the father convinced the mother to come back and work on their relationship. The mother reported that the father was physically abusive with her on a few occasions, but the abuse was mostly emotional. He was controlling and manipulative. He was anxious at times and a few times pointed his finger to his head, gesturing shooting himself. She did not think anything of it as they did not own a gun and she did not think him capable of killing himself. He did seek mental health treatment but quit after two sessions. Both the mother and relatives reported that the father treated the child very well, and that he (the child) was always happy and never showed any signs of abuse.

The week prior to the incident the mother and father argued, and she left with the child. The father kept calling and asking her to bring the child to see him, and the child was also missing his father and was asking to see him. She took the child to the home and dropped him off to visit the father. The next day, a worker from the father's shop called the mother to say the shop was not open. She called the father, and he did not answer so she figured he took the day off to spend it with the child. Later in the day she still could not reach him, so she went to the home and found them both deceased.

The Miami Dade Police Department's investigation is pending a determination.

The Miami-Dade Medical Examiner completed an autopsy. The cause of death is listed as gunshot wound of head with the manner of death listed as homicide.

The Department concluded its investigation with verified findings of death and physical injury.

### **Other Children in the Family**

There are no other children in the mother's care.

### **Summary of Prior Agency Involvement with family**

There are two prior reports on this family with the child as the victim, one in November 2018 and the other in August 2019. Both reports alleged injury to the child while in the care of the father or his family; however, the alleged perpetrator was unknown. The investigations were closed with no indicators and as patently unfounded, respectively.

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